

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Alexander Pokot on 6/2/11 and 6/6/11.

The application has been amended as follows:

- In claim 6 the phrase "surface portion thereof" in line 3 of paragraph (a) has been changed to --surface thereof-- to be consistent with the second surface in paragraph (b);
- In claim 6 the phrase "said third plate" in line 4 of paragraph (b) has been changed to --said plate-- for consistency;
- In claim 9 the phrase "surface portion thereof" in line 3 of paragraph (e) has been changed to --surface thereof-- to be consistent with the second surface in paragraph (f);
- Claim 11 has been canceled since claim 9 includes in paragraph (i) structure for limiting reciprocal motion the spring actuator;
- Claim 12 has been canceled since it depends from now cancelled claim 11;
- On pg. 15 line 10 of the specification the phrase --, representing a member for visual determination of a travel length of the air spring actuator,-- has been

- included after the phrase "indicator 92" to clearly link the means plus function language to the corresponding structure in the specification.
- In line 2 of claim 17 the phrase "said visual" has been changed to --the visual--;
 - In line 3 of claim 18 the phrase "includes structure disposed therein for controlling volume of air in said at least one air spring actuator" has been changed to --includes an air communication device-- with support for the amendment being found with component 41;
 - In claim 29 the phrase "directly attached" has been changed to --directly fixedly attached-- in line 3 of paragraph (c) and the phrase "and attached" has been changed to --and fixedly attached-- in line 2 of paragraph (h) to distinguish the attachment from the slidably attached structure of the Johnson prior art reference;
 - In claim 29 in line 3 from the bottom of paragraph (h) the phrase "that at least" has been changed to --that said at least-- to refer back to the previously recited plate portion;
 - In claim 30 the phrase "surface portion" in line 3 of paragraph (e) and in line 5 of paragraph (h) has been changed to --surface-- to maintain consistency.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claim 29, as amended, overcomes the prior art of record, particularly, the Johnson reference, alone or as modified, because the at least one elongated member 20 is slidably and not fixedly attached to plate member 18(a). Modifying the at least one elongated member

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to be fixedly attached to the plate member would destroy the operation of the Johnson device.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MELODY BURCH whose telephone number is (571)272-7114. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (6:30 AM-3:00 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Siconolfi can be reached on 571-272-7124. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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